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Curt, below is statement we sent yesterday.

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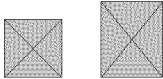
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**From:** Deegan, Dave

**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 4:53 PM

**To:** [clegere@capecodonline.com](mailto:clegere@capecodonline.com)

**Cc:** Daguiard, Robert; Grantham, Nancy; Deegan, Dave

**Subject:** EPA Statement re. inquiry :: Groups Ask to Terminate Pilgrim's Clean Water Act Permit

Hi Christine,

Here's a statement you can use. Ideally, please attribute to "US EPA, Region 1"

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Under the federal Clean Water Act, EPA has issued a NPDES permit to the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station for the facilities' intake and discharge of bay water for cooling purposes. EPA intends to issue a revised draft permit for this facility later this year. When EPA drafts a revised permit for this facility, the updated draft permit will undergo a public review and comment period, allowing all interested parties to comment on and provide documentation regarding the efficacy of the draft permit to ensure adequate protection for human health and the environment.

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Best Regards,

Dave

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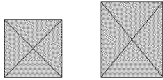
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**From:** Daguiard, Robert

**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 2:30 PM

**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Deegan, Dave

**Subject:** URGENT: DDL This PM: Groups Ask to Terminate Pilgrim's Clean Water Act Permit

Happy Monday,

Please note the tight deadline – or advise if we need to handle here at HQ.

Thank you and best regards, R.

**From:** Legere, Christine [<mailto:clegere@capecodonline.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 2:15 PM

**To:** Daguiard, Robert

**Subject:** Fwd: Groups Ask to Terminate Pilgrim's Clean Water Act Permit

I'm looking for a statement on the status of the permit.

Thanks

Chris

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**PRESS RELEASE** - June 8, 2015

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**Report Released Documenting Marine Destruction and Pollution  
of Cape Cod Bay by Entergy's Pilgrim Nuclear:**

**Regulators should terminate Pilgrim's Clean Water Act Permit**

PLYMOUTH, MA - A scathing new report entitled Entergy, Our Bay is Not Your Dump: A Call to EPA and MassDEP to Terminate Entergy's Clean Water Act Permit for Pilgrim Nuclear and end the Destruction and Pollution of Cape Cod Bay was released today by Cape Cod Bay Watch, in recognition of World Oceans Day. The report documents how Entergy Corporation, owner of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, destroys marine life and pollutes Cape Cod Bay by using an outdated "once-through" cooling water system to run Pilgrim.

Each day, Entergy takes up to 510 million gallons of seawater from Cape Cod Bay for its operations and draws in fish, plankton, and other marine life. Tens of millions of fish and billions of planktonic organisms are killed with the system each year. The heated and polluted water is dumped back into the Bay under what the report calls the "guise" of a Clean Water Act permit that expired 19 years ago.

As outlined in the report, 24 groups are calling on regulators at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to terminate the permit, which would require Entergy to cease operations until it gets an updated permit.

According to Dr. Jo Ann Muramoto, Senior Scientist at the Association to Preserve Cape Cod, one of the groups endorsing the report, "Pilgrim's seawater intake system has been impacting fisheries in western Cape Cod Bay for years. The discharge of heated seawater back into the Bay is likely causing further stress to local marine ecosystems that are also dealing with ocean warming due to climate change. Our fisheries are in trouble due to a number of causes. Renewing Pilgrim's discharge permit would signal that regulatory agencies don't recognize these problems. It's time to rethink the discharge permit and eliminate these impacts."

The report draws on information from government agencies and Entergy itself showing the destruction of marine life and pollution of the Bay since 1972 when Pilgrim starting operating. It describes how regulators have failed to enforce the laws requiring improvements in technology and how use of Pilgrim's destructive cooling system for 42 years has had major impacts on the Bay's ecosystem.

"Nothing at Pilgrim makes less sense than the fisheries Cuisinart the EPA allows Entergy to operate. Taxpayers spend a billion dollars a year on fisheries management and protection. We might as well shred the money in the Pilgrim cooling system along with all the fish being killed," said Ed DeWitt, Executive

Director at the Association to Preserve Cape Cod.

Meg Sheehan, volunteer with Cape Cod Bay Watch added, "Cape Cod Bay is not Entergy's private dump for its cooling water. Pilgrim has been using seawater for cooling for free for 42 years, and the public pays the price in pollution and decimated fisheries and ecosystem health. Destroying our Bay for Entergy's short-term profits makes little economic or environmental sense."

The call to terminate Entergy' Clean Water Act "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System" (NPDES) permit for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts is endorsed by the following organizations.

Association to Preserve Cape Cod  
Beyond Nuclear  
Biofuelwatch  
Boston Downwinders  
Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory  
Commission  
Cape Downwinders  
Clean Water Action

Jones River Watershed Association  
MASSPIRG  
On Behalf of Planet Earth  
Pilgrim Coalition  
Pilgrim Watch  
  
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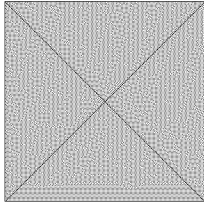
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Concerned Neighbors of Pilgrim  
Conservation Law Foundation  
Davistown Museum  
Down Cape Downwinders  
Eel River Watershed Association  
Herring Alliance

Safe and Green Campaign  
Sands of Whitehorse Beach Association  
Three Mile Action Alert  
Toxics Action Center

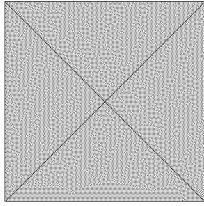
The report and back up documentation can be found at:  
[www.capecodbaywatch.org/2015-water-pollution-report/](http://www.capecodbaywatch.org/2015-water-pollution-report/)

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